









I'M A D-RANK AND  
YOU'RE AN E-RANK,  
BUT WE'RE THE ONLY  
HUNTERS IN THIS  
TOWN. WE HAVE TO BE  
RESPONSIBLE AND...



MR. NOGAWA,  
LOOK OVER  
THERE...

WHAT  
IS THAT? A  
PERSON?



WHO GOES  
THERE?







# Solo Leveling

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EVER SINCE  
MY INTELLIGENCE  
STAT INCREASED, THE GAP  
BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF  
SHADOWS I CAN EXTRACT AND  
THE NUMBER OF SHADOWS  
I CAN PRESERVE  
HAS GROWN.

[NUMBER OF EXTRACTABLE SHADOWS: 127/820]  
[NUMBER OF PRESERVED SHADOWS: 127/155]

IF I COULD EXTRACT  
THESE DEMONS,  
I'D HAVE A HUGE  
ARMY BY NOW. WHAT  
A SHAME.

IT'LL BE  
INEFFICIENT FOR  
ALL OF MY SOLDIERS  
TO FOLLOW ME  
AROUND.

FROM  
THIS POINT ON, I  
HAVE TO OPERATE  
WITH EFFICIENCY.

WE'RE GOING  
TO SPLIT UP  
INTO...

...SIX GROUPS  
IN TOTAL.

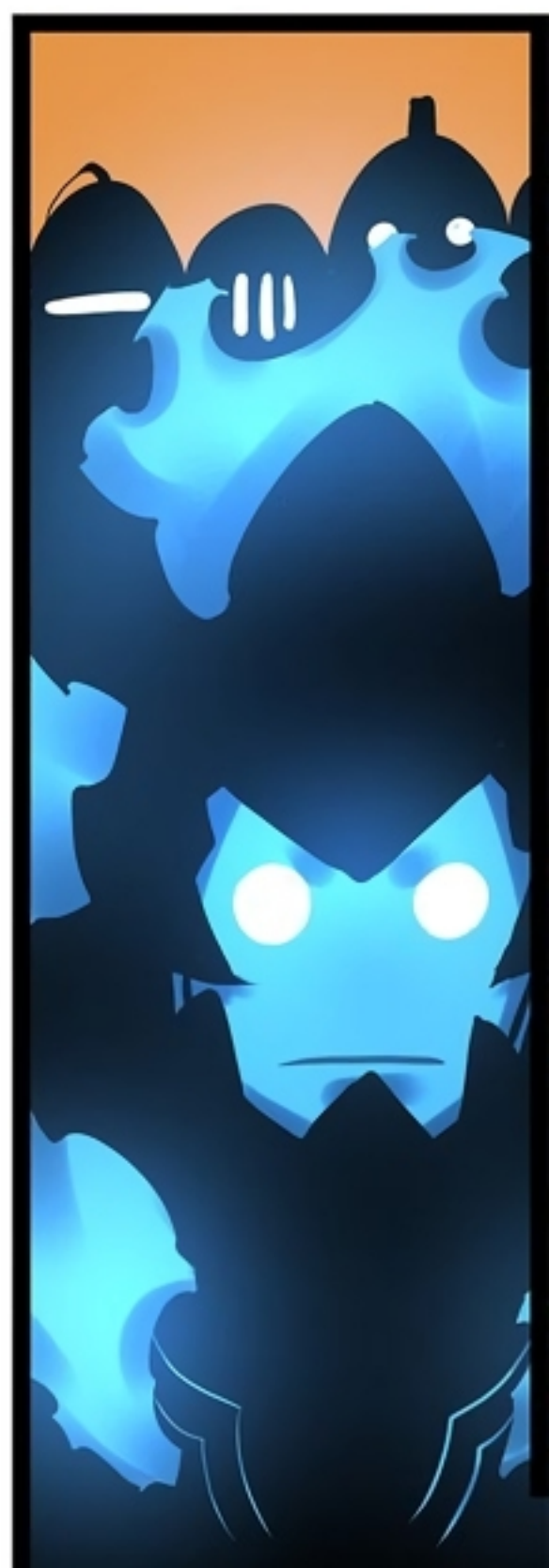




TEAM TUSK



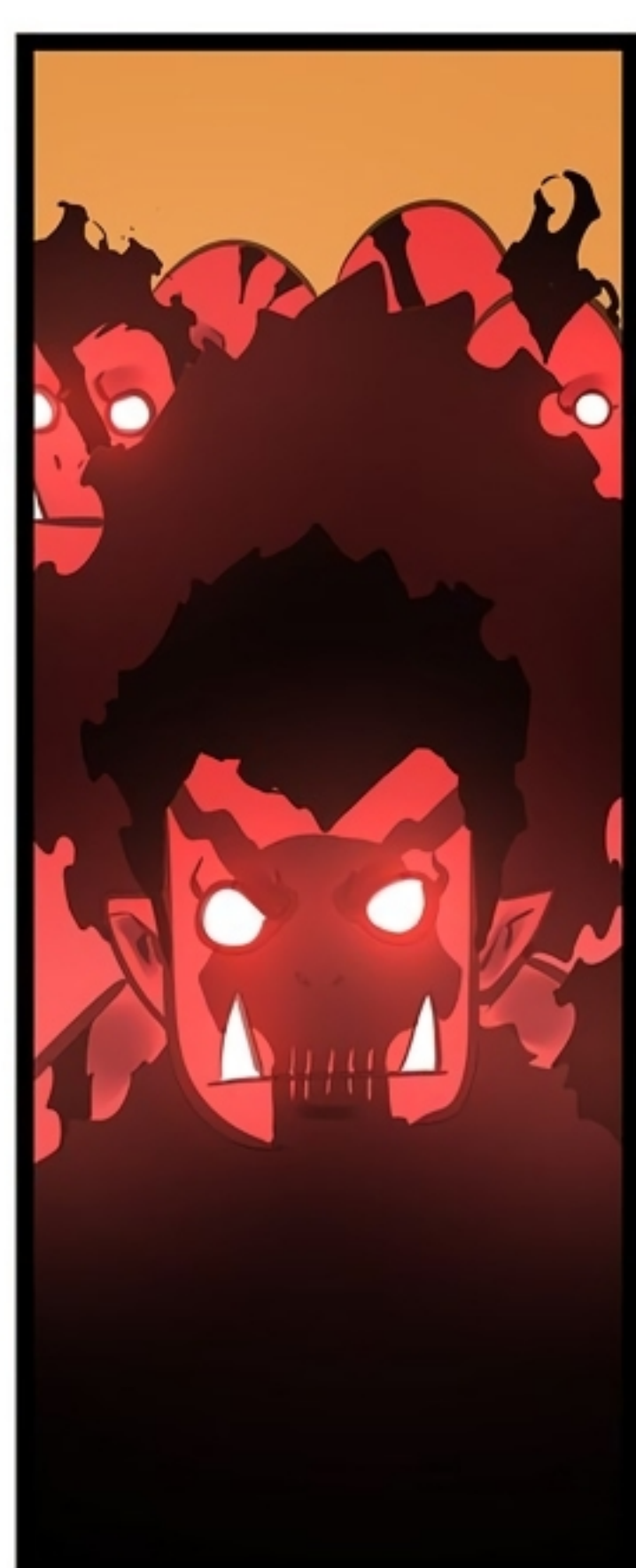
TEAM IGRIS



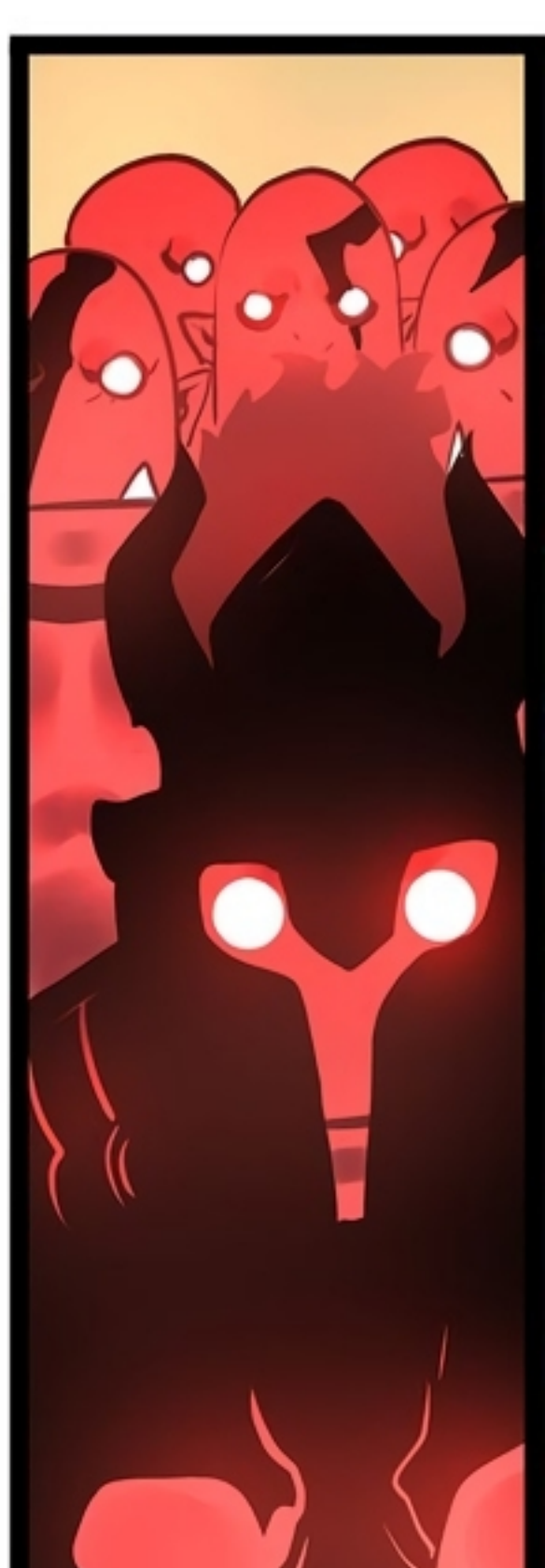
TEAM IRON



TEAM TANK



HIGH-ORCS  
TEAM B



HIGH-ORCS  
TEAM A

YOU  
HAVE TWO  
TASKS.

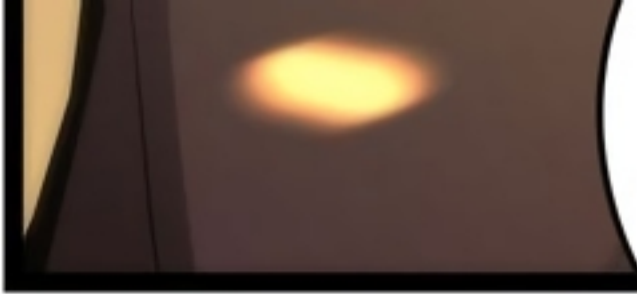
ONE, SPLIT UP  
AND DEFEAT EVERY  
ENEMY YOU COME  
ACROSS.

TWO,  
REPORT TO ME  
WHEN YOU FIND THE  
ENTRY PERMIT FOR  
THE NEXT FLOOR.









BEEN LONG SINCE MY  
SOLDIERS DISPERSED,  
YET I'M ALREADY GAINING  
SO MANY EXPERIENCE  
POINTS.



THIS IS  
CONVENIENT. I DON'T  
NEED TO WASTE MY TIME  
RUNNING AROUND  
ANYMORE.

AS LONG  
AS MY SHADOW  
SOLDIERS DON'T GET  
DESTROYED, I WON'T  
HAVE TO USE ANY OF  
MY MANA EITHER.

BUT MY MAGES  
AND INFANTRYMEN WILL  
STRUGGLE A BIT, SINCE  
ALL THE DEMONS ON  
THIS FLOOR ARE  
HIGH-RANKING.

GULP

I'LL HAVE  
TO USE POTIONS  
TO CONSTANTLY  
RECHARGE MY  
MANA.



A FEW DAYS  
LATER



[SHADOW BEAST LV.24]  
RANK: ELITE



WHAT'S THIS?  
TANK HAS LEVELED UP  
10 LEVELS SINCE I  
LAST CHECKED.

I'VE LEVELED  
UP AS WELL, BUT  
THE DIFFERENCE IS MUCH  
MORE DRASTIC FOR MY  
SHADOW SOLDIERS.

[SHADOW  
INFANTRYMAN LV.16]  
RANK: STANDARD

[SHADOW MAGE LV.19]  
RANK: ELITE

I GUESS HUNTING  
IN GROUPS TURNED  
OUT TO BE SUPER  
EFFICIENT.





I'VE GOT 20  
MORE FLOORS  
TO GO.



I MADE IT TO THE  
80TH FLOOR MUCH  
FASTER THAN I  
EXPECTED.

WE'VE BEEN ON  
THE 80TH FLOOR  
FOR TWO DAYS  
NOW...



SEEING AS HOW  
THE ENTRY PERMIT  
HASN'T SHOWN UP YET...  
PERHAPS THERE ARE  
STRONGER DEMONS  
LURKING AROUND  
SOMEWHERE.





FLINCH

[MP: 4,282/5,672]



MY MANA IS  
BEING DRAINED AT  
AN INSANE RATE.

SOMEONE IS  
RELENTLESSLY  
DESTROYING MY  
SHADOWS RIGHT  
NOW!

IS THE BATTLE  
HAPPENING OVER  
THERE?



MY SOLDIERS  
CAN'T REGENERATE  
QUICKLY ENOUGH.

WHOEVER IT IS,  
THEY'RE MUCH  
STRONGER.





THAT MUST BE  
IRON'S GROUP.

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
THERE'S A DEMON  
MORE POWERFUL  
THAN IRON HERE.

[MP: 3,231/5,672]



THIS LEAVES ME  
NO CHOICE. I HAVE  
TO CALL BACK MY  
SHADOWS.


FSHHH

THE NEXT  
DAY,



I HAD TO WITHDRAW  
MY TROOPS BECAUSE  
OF THE CONTINUED  
ATTACKS.





TEAM B AND IGRIS'S  
GROUP HAVE SUFFERED  
BACK-TO-BACK  
LOSSES.

THE DEMONS ON  
THIS FLOOR MUST  
BE REALLY  
STRONG.

BUT  
SOMETHING'S  
NOT QUITE  
RIGHT.

TUSK'S TEAM WAS RIGHT  
NEXT TO IGRIS'S TEAM,  
YET THEY SKIPPED OVER  
THEM AND WENT STRAIGHT  
FOR THE HIGH ORCS  
IN TEAM "A."



WAS IT BECAUSE  
THE DEMONS WEREN'T  
STRONG ENOUGH TO  
DEFEAT TUSK?

THEY'RE PICKING AND  
CHOOSING OPPONENTS  
THEY CAN WIN AGAINST,  
WHICH MEANS...

HMM...

...THEY'RE SMART  
ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY  
THEIR OPPONENTS'  
WEAKNESSES.

THEY ATTACKED THE  
HIGH ORCS OF TEAM  
"B" ON PURPOSE  
BECAUSE...

...THEIR NEXT  
TARGET IS...







THIS HAS TO  
BE THEIR NEXT  
DESTINATION.



...THERE THEY  
COME.







A DEMON NOBLE  
AND THREE DEMON  
KNIGHTS.









SO THIS IS  
WHY MY SOLDIERS  
WEREN'T ABLE TO  
REGENERATE FAST  
ENOUGH.





LOOKS LIKE MY  
SHADOW BEASTS  
DON'T STAND  
A CHANCE.







[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A DEMON KNIGHT.]  
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 3,000 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]











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I'VE ALWAYS  
WONDERED WHETHER  
OR NOT A MONSTER WAS  
CAPABLE OF FEELING  
FEAR...



LOOKS  
LIKE I HAVE  
MY ANSWER  
NOW.



To Be Continued...

Solo  
Leveling



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